NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Department of Health will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 9, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Freeway Medical Tower, Suite 400, 5800 West Tenth Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, to allow interested persons to comment on proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations for Private Care Agencies in Arkansas pursuant to Acts 1537 of 1999 and 17 of 2003 (1st Ex. Sess.). Revisions are proposed in four major areas: (1) incorporate legislative changes (references to authorizing acts, removing the end date for Department of Labor licensees, and removing the "weekends only" restriction); (2) reformat document; (3) add definition of subunit; and (4) add definition of licensed practitioner to allow for expanded scope of practice functions.

Copies of the proposed Rules and Regulations are available for public inspection and copying at the Arkansas Department of Health Division of Health Facilities Services, Freeway Medical Tower, Suite 400, 5800 West Tenth Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. The proposed Rules and Regulations are also available for inspection online through the Secretary of State website: www.sosweb.state.ar.us administrative rules link.

The public may submit written comments to: Renee Mallory, Leader, Health Facilities Services, Arkansas Department of Health, Freeway Medical Tower, Suite 400, 5800 West Tenth Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204 no later than 2:00 p.m. on September 9, 2004.